

To his Grace, His Majesties high Commissioner, and
the Right Honourable the Estates of Parliament.

The P E T I T I O N of
Captain Andrew Dick , sometime Stewart of Orkney,

Humbly sheweth,

That the deceas'd Sir *William Dick* my Grand-father, in the years 1638, 39, 40, and 1641. did advance and lend to several persons of great eminency, great Sums of Money upon privat Security, for repayment thereof to the said Sir *William* his Heirs and Successors, whereunto I have the undoubted Right, which Sums of Money so borrowed by the saids persons, was believed to have been imployed by them, for carrying on and managing the publick Affairs of the time; Upon which Consideration, the Parliament from time to time in the Reign of *K. Charles the 2d.* did suspend all manner of Execution against the persons bound for the saids Debts, or their Reprisentatives, and at length, by the 26 Act of the 3d Parl. Ch. the 2d. held in the year 1681, the Parliament then past an Act absolutely discharging the saids Debts, as being advanced for promoting an ill and rebellious Cause, upon the Debtors only taking of the Test, by which means (albeit I had transacted with, and became lyable to several Creditors of my said Grand-father) I was altogether disappointed of any satisfaction and re-payment, I had reason to expect by the Debts due to my Grand-father, without which recourse upon the Debtors thereof, I shall neither be able to fulfil the foresaid Transaction, nor subsist my Family, being forced long since to dispoise my hail Means and Estate towards the payment of my Creditors: Except the Parliament shal lay down some publick Course for the satisfaction of the saids Debts, and relieving of the Debtors therein bound, as was formerly granted by an Imposition of four Shilling per pound upon Tobacco for the same effect: And seing in all Law and common Justice, it ought not to be turned to the prejudice of the Lender, how, or which way his Debtors from whom he has received privat security, imploy or dispose of the Money lent by him.

May it therefore please your Grace, and Estates of Parliament, to consider the Premisses, and either to abrogat the foresaid Acts of Parliament, whereby Diligence against the said Sir *William Dicks* Debtors, and their Estates is either suspended or discharged, or to lay down some publick Course for payment of their saids Debts, and in the mean time, to grant an Aliment to me, out of some publick Fond, with a Protection for my person against my Creditors, as was formerly done to my eldest Brother, when alive, ay and while I shall by the Justice of the Parliament obtain access by legal Diligence against the Persons and Estates of the said Sir *William Dick*, his Debtors, or satisfaction of their Debts, by what means the Wisdom of the Parliament shall think most fit.

